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SUBJECT: GOM OFFICIAL'S VIEWS ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND MFS

1. DURING COURSE FEB. 19 CONVERSATION REPORTED SEPTELS WITH LIC. ABEL GARRIDO, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, TREASURY, GOM OFFICIAL MENTIONED THAT HE WAS MOST INTERESTED IN ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF OPERATIONS U.S. MISSION GENEVA. HE NOTED THAT MEXICO IS PLAYING ACTIVE AND HELPFUL ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING THE WORK UNDER GATT AUSPICES ON THE NEW MULTIFIBER INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE ARRANGEMENT (MFA), AND THAT CONSIDERATION MUST NOW BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISHING AND BUDGETING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEXICO'S GENEVA MISSION AND INTERAGENCY GROUP HERE IN MEXICO CITY.

2. GARRIDO SAID IN HIS OPINION THE RECENT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN GOM AND MEXICAN DELEGATIONS TO GENEVA MEETINGS HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE MEXICAN DELEGATION IF ADVANCE INFORMATION COULD BE GIVEN REGARDING ITEMS THE U.S.

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PLANS TO RAISE FOR DISCUSSION IN THE MTN'S IN ORDER THAT GOM

MIGHT CONCENTRATE ITS LIMITED RESOURCES ON PREPARATION OF THESE SUBJECTS.

3. GARRIDO NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO GENEVA IN EARLY MARCH AND WOULD BE THERE UNTIL FIRST DAYS OF APRIL. ON HIS RETURN TRIP (WHICH IS VIA U.S.) HE WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO PAY BRIEF CALL ON AMB. MALMGREN OF STR TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN MTN'S. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FOLLOWING CALL ON MALMGREN, HE COULD MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON FOR BRIEFING ON WASHINGTON INTER-AGENCY TRADE NEGOTIATIONS STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS AND BUDGET U.S. MISSION GENEVA.

4. RE MFA, GARRIDO ANTICIPATED THAT MEXICAN PRELIMINARY ACCESSION WOULD BE FILLED IN GENEVA, POSSIBLY BY EARLY MARCH. HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER MEXICAN LEGAL PROCEDURE REQUIRED THE SUBMISSION OF AGREEMENT TO MEXICAN CONGRESS FOR RATIFICATION BUT SAID HE PLANNED TO EXPLORE THIS WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR SO. (HE INDICATED THAT DEPOSIT OF ACCESSIONS WITH UN WAS APPARENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION.)

5. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, UNDERSECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE GUILLERMO BECKER HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT APRIL 29 DATE ACCEPTABLE FOR BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE STATE 033784. BECKER EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THIS INFORMATION.

6. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY WHETHER MEETINGS REQUESTED IN (3) ABOVE CAN BE ARRANGED. IF YOUR REACTION FAVORABLE, SUGGEST DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE WITH GARRIDO IN GENEVA THROUGH U.S. MISSION (GARRIDO MENTIONED CONTACTS THERE WITH JOHN RAY AND WILLIAM SPRUCE). JOVA

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